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PUBLIC MEETING

PACKARDS: CAN THE MULTI-NATIONALS BE BEATEN?

Speakers:

PACKARD ELECTRIC WORKER & KIERAN ALLEN (Socialist Worker)

Tuesday 31st January, 8.00pm

Walkinstown Community Centre

(by Walkinstown Library)

Can the multi-nationals be beaten?

Packard Electric—part of the giant multi national General Motors—finally managed to blackmail its workers into accepting its attacks.

Packard workers held out in the face of the company's dirty tricks, the hostility of the press and politicians and with the trade union leadership urging them to give up. It took three ballots to browbeat the workers into reluctantly accepting the plan.

Workers there face an increased working week, loss of holidays, a two year wage freeze, speed ups and the prospect of further lay-offs.

In a dirty trick, the day after the vote returned a majority to accept these harsh measures, the company told 50 workers who had been temporarily laid off before Christmas that they had lost their jobs.

The danger now is that other multi-national companies here will follow Packard's example and threaten to pull out unless workers accept sacrifices.

Local politicians and even trade union leaders argued that it is not possible to resist the multi-nationals.

If they are right it means that unless workers here are prepared to accept Third World wages and conditions any company can simply move on and destroy jobs?

Is this true? Have workers got to roll over and forget all their trade union rights in the face of these international companies?

We believe workers can and must stand up to the multi-nationals. Come to our public meeting to hear the socialist case.

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